

**METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR SENDER CONTROLLABLE MODALITIES****ABSTRACT**

[0050] A method and apparatus (110) for sender controllable modalities includes the step of generating a communication command (108). The method and apparatus further includes generating a priority command (110) wherein the priority command includes a modality alert command. The priority command (108) may be any suitable command indicating a level of priority as it relates to the communication command (110). The method and apparatus further includes thereupon transmitting the communication command and the priority command (112) to the recipient device (120). The method and apparatus further includes the recipient device (120) verifying the sender device (100) and performing an internal verification (124) of whether the sender device (100) has the ability to override the internal modality setting and to verify if the priority level requests overriding the internal modality setting.